In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 8-9, cancel claims 2, 3, and 5, without prejudice, and add new claims 10 and 11 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A winding liner for an unvulcanized rubber material, comprising:

a belt-shaped inextensible loading member for loading an unvulcanized rubber material; and

spacers provided at both widthwise direction sides of one surface of the loading member along a lengthwise direction of the loading member,

wherein the loading member and the spacers are made of metal and are formed into a plate shape having flexibility; and

the spacers have protruding portions protruding from the one surface of the loading member, the protruding portions being disposed at predetermined intervals in the lengthwise direction of the loading member,

wherein each of the spacers is formed from a flexible metal plate and has base portions fixed to the one surface of the loading member, the base portions and the protruding portions being alternately disposed in the lengthwise direction of the loading member,

wherein the base portions of the spacers are fixed to the one surface of the loading member with adhering means, and

wherein, among the fixed base portions of each spacer, a plurality of base portions spaced apart by a predetermined number of base portions are fixed with metal-made fixing means to the one surface of the loading member.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The winding liner for an unvulcanized rubber material according to ~~claim 3~~claim 1, wherein the adhering means is an adhesive tape having adhesive layers on both sides thereof.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The winding liner for an unvulcanized rubber material according to claim 1, wherein each of the protruding portions has a hollow inside, and is open at its both sides located in a widthwise direction of the spacer.

7. (Original) The winding liner for an unvulcanized rubber material according to claim 6, wherein each of the protruding portions protrudes from the one surface of the loading member in a substantially trapezoidal shape.

8. (Currently Amended) The winding liner for an unvulcanized rubber material according to claim 1, wherein the protruding portions of each spacer

include a plurality of protruding portions which are located in a winding start part of the winding liner, the plurality of protruding portions each having a top surface and a height defined by a distance between the top surface and the loading member, the height of some of the protruding portions being lower in height than the remainder of the protruding portions.

9. (Original) The winding liner for an unvulcanized rubber material according to claim 8, wherein the plurality of protruding portions which are located in the winding start part of the winding liner are gradually higher in height from the winding start side of the winding liner.

10. (New) A winding liner for an unvulcanized rubber material, comprising:

a belt-shaped inextensible loading member for loading an unvulcanized rubber material; and

spacers provided at both widthwise direction sides of one surface of the loading member along a lengthwise direction of the loading member,

wherein the loading member and the spacers are made of metal and are formed into a plate shape having flexibility; and

the spacers have protruding portions protruding from the one surface of the loading member, the protruding portions being disposed at predetermined intervals in the lengthwise direction of the loading member,

wherein the protruding portions of each spacer include a plurality of protruding portions which are located in a winding start part of the winding liner, the plurality of protruding portions each having a top surface and a height defined by a distance between the top surface and the loading member, the height of some of the protruding portions being lower in height than the remainder of the protruding portions.

11. (New) The winding liner for an unvulcanized rubber material according to claim 10, wherein the plurality of protruding portions which are located in the winding start part of the winding liner are gradually higher in height from the winding start side of the winding liner.